



dbGaP: Database of Genotype and Phenotype

A collection of data from genome wide association studies and other clinical studies

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Scope and Access

The database of Genotypes and Phenotypes (dbGaP) was developed to archive and distribute the results of studies that have investigated the interaction of genotype and phenotype. Such studies include genome-wide association studies (GWAS), medical sequencing, molecular diagnostic assays, as well as association between genotype and non-clinical traits. The advent of high-throughput, cost-effective methods for genotyping and sequencing has provided powerful tools that allow for the generation of the massive amount of genotypic data required to make these analyses possible.



dbGaP provides two levels of access. Open access through the dbGaP homepage (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/gap/>) provides the public with summaries of studies, the contents of measured variables as well as original study document text. Access to individual-level data, including phenotypic data tables and genotypes, requires varying levels of authorization. Information on controlled access is available at: <https://dbgap.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/aa/wga.cgi?login=&page=login>. Access requires an eRA Commons login.

dbGaP Homepage

The homepage of dbGaP (shown below) provides a central entry point to access the data from this database. Entering terms in the search box and clicking the Search button (A) performs a search against this database. The Access dbGaP Data section (B) lists links to browse and access public content from the database or apply for controlled access to get the detailed data. Important Links and help (C) provides dbGaP-specific documentation and help. The Latest Studies (D) presents a selective list of GWAS dataset recently deposited to dbGaP with their titles linking to corresponding entries, and additional summary information given in the columns to the right. Integrated searches for phenotype and genotype data can be done using the Phenotype-Genotype Integrator (E).

The screenshot shows the dbGaP homepage with several key sections and annotations:

- A:** Search button in the top navigation bar.
- B:** Access dbGaP Data section, containing links for Advanced Search (F), Controlled Access Data, Public FTP Download, Collections, and Summary Statistics.
- C:** Important Links section, containing links for How to Submit, FAQ, Code of Conduct, Security Procedures, and Contact Us.
- D:** Latest Studies section, featuring a table of recent studies.
- E:** Phenotype-Genotype Integrator link in the Resources section.
- F:** Advanced Search link in the Access dbGaP Data section.

Study	Embargo Release	Details	Participants	Type Of Study	Links	Platform
phs001020.v1.p1 Genomic Psychiatry Cohort (GPC) Whole Genome Sequencing Pilot Study	Version 1:	V D A S	750	Case-Control	Links	HiSeq Rapid SBS Kit v2
phs000126.v2.p1 CIDR: Genome Wide Association Study in Familial Parkinson Disease (PD)	Version 1: passed embargo Version 2:	V D A S	1991	Case-Control	Links	BioProject Links BioSample MeSH PMC Links PubMed
phs000923.v1.p1 Molecular Characterization of Germ Cell Tumors	Version 1: passed embargo	V D A S	55	Cohort	Links	1.0

[List Top Level Studies](#)

Legend for colored icons under the Details column: V=variable, D=documents, A=analysis, and S=SRA data.

The Advanced Search link (F) provides an alternative way to find studies of interest. It offers many sets of filters to facet existing studies into various categories to allow quick identification of studies of interest. For more information, see this webinar from the NCBI YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ePQ9p2SL_wM

Data Available from dbGaP and Controlled Access

Data deposited in dbGaP come from various types of GWAS. These include longitudinal, case control, and cohort studies. For phenotype, the data include information collection forms, description of phenotypes, standards of measurement, and details of the individual phenotypes. For genotype, the data includes genotype calls and their quality scores from various platforms. If sequencing and expression analyses are included, the data will be brokered through other NCBI databases such as Gene Expression Omnibus (GEO) and Sequence Read Archive (SRA). The summary of the phenotype and genotype data, associated through appropriate statistical methods, plus the analysis details are also available. Two levels of data access, public and controlled, are adopted to protect the privacy of study participants. Data that can potentially be used to establish personal identity of the participants are placed under restricted access. These include individual phenotypes, genotypes, sequence reads, expression profiles, epigenetic markers and full result sets. Information on the data collection, standards of phenotype observation and measurements, platforms for genotype determination, and the final summary of association analyses are available to the public through the dbGaP homepage.

For validated research needs with institutional support, a principal investigator can apply for controlled access to a specific dataset using the page shown to the right. Once a request is granted, the necessary information and credentials will be provided to the applicant so the specific dataset can be downloaded for further analysis. Further assistance is available by contacting dbGaP help: dbgap-help@ncbi.nlm.nih.gov

Searching in dbGaP

Data available for public access can be searched and retrieved through the dbGaP homepage. In the example below, the disease “macular degeneration” is combined with filter “1[has analysis]” to retrieve related studies with full analysis (A).

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Search results

Items: 7

Search results: 0 Variables, 0 Analyses, 0 Documents, and 0 Datasets in 7 Studies

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phs000086.v3.p1 DCCT-EDIC Clinical Trial and Follow-up of Persons with Type 1 Diabetes	Versions 1-3: passed embargo	V D A S	1497	Clinical Trial, Longitudinal	Links	HumanHap550v3.0 ILLUMINA_Human_1M
phs000684.v1.p1 Age related Macular Degeneration - MMAP Cohort: Association and	Version 1: passed embargo	V D A S	5653	Case-Control	Links	HumanCNV370v1 HiSeq 2000 Genome Analyzer IIX 450K Infinium Methylation

dbGaP Advanced Search Builder

"macular degeneration"[Disease]

Builder

Disease

macular (5)
macular degenera
macular degenera
maintenance (1)
major (4)
major depressive

AND

All Fields

Search or Add to history

History

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Search	Add to builder	Query	Items found	Time
#5	Add	Search 4[s_discriminator] AND (phs000007.v26.p10[s_ancestor] AND (4[s_discriminator] OR (1[s_discriminator] AND 1[s_has_analysis])))	5624	13:54:12
#6	Add	Search "macular degeneration" AND 1[Has Analysis] AND 1[s_discriminator]	5	10:48:24

Analysis

Genome Wide Association Study in Age-related Macular Degeneration (AMD) using Logistic Regression Adjusting for First Two Principal Components

Age related Macular Degeneration - MMAP Cohort: Association and Sequencing Studies

Browse genome for phs002890.1

Description

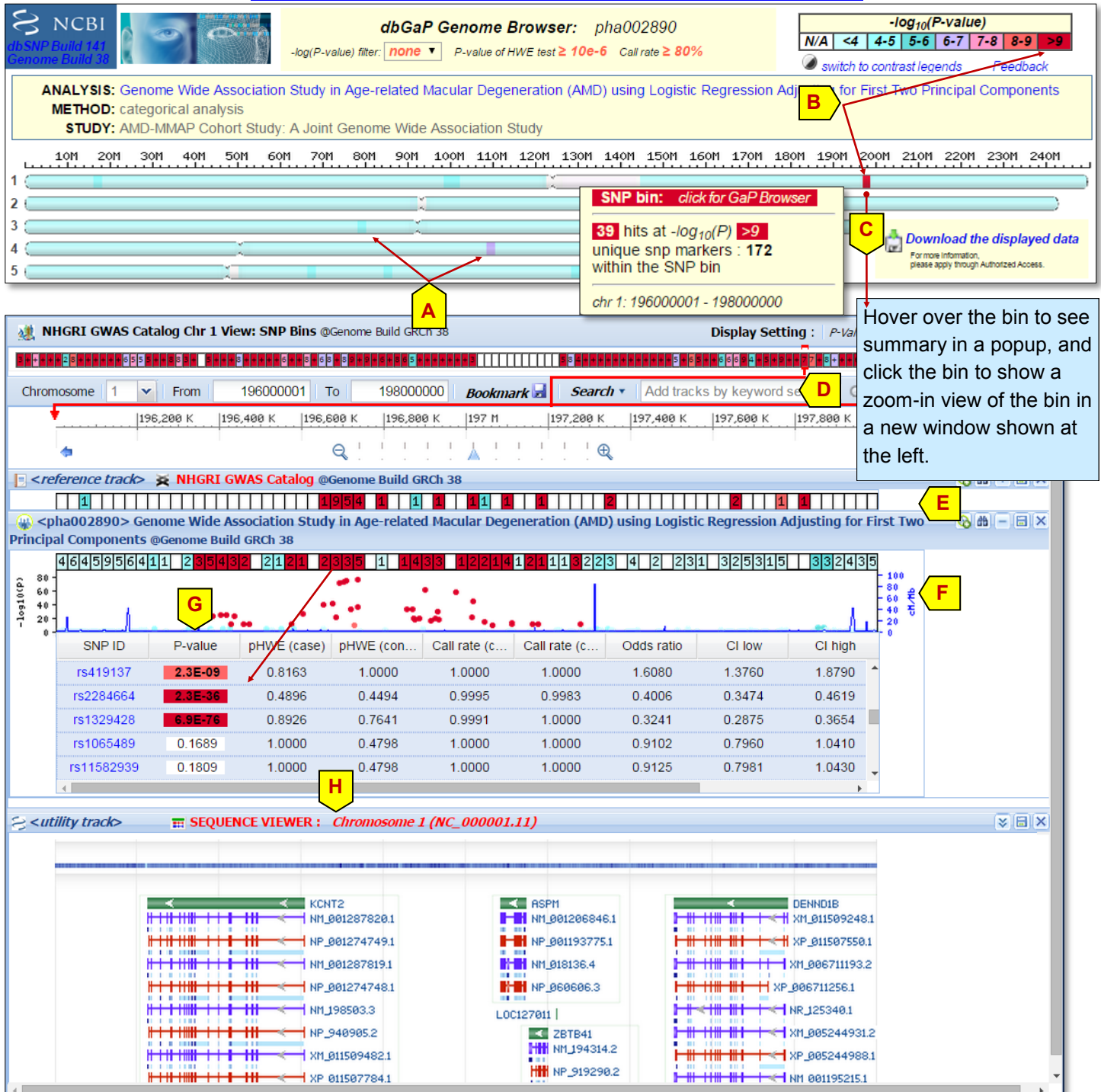
Genome-wide genotyping data were produced using the Illumina HumanCNV370v1_C array platform and filtered using the following criteria: 1) per sample call rate ≥ 99%, 2) SNP minor allele frequency ≥ 1%, 3) SNP call rate ≥ 95%, 4) SNP HWE p-value ≥ 1x10^-6, 5) removing unexpected relatives, resulting in a set of 324067 autosomal SNPs across 3307 unrelated samples (2157 cases and 1150 controls).

title of the study (D) displays the text-based information for that study. Functions provided by the “Advanced” page (E) can be used to construct a more complex query to retrieve studies satisfying more specific criteria, through the usage of field-limited query terms and history number. An email

Graphic Summary Through “Browse Genome for ...”

“Browse genome for ...” is linked to a graphical summary of the analysis results (shown below). Here, chromosomes are divided into bins of fixed sizes (A). These regions are color-coded according to the significance of the association between the identified genotype and the phenotype being studied, with bins in red indicating strong association (B). Clicking a bin opens a more detailed GaP Browser display for the region with a gene level resolution (C) or higher. In that display, the region shown is marked by the coordinates (D), which is further divided into smaller bins of fixed-length. A summary of sub-regions with significant phenotype-associated genotypes and number of SNPs found is displayed in the GWAS catalog track (E), while results from a specific analysis is shown in a track below (F), with SNPs for the region displayed in a scatter plot just below. Hovering-over a bin highlights the SNPs present in the region (G). The genome annotation pane (H), located under and aligned to the GWAS track, highlights the gene features found for the region. Clicking a bin in the track under the GWAS (F) zooms in to a much more detailed display for both panes (not shown). Displays can also be adjusted using controls at the top and in the left sidebar. Hovering over a control will display the online help.

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/projects/SNP/gViewer/gView.cgi?aid=2890>



Other Data in dbGaP

The title of a study, those listed on the dbGaP homepage (A) or in dbGaP search results (B), links to documents available under that study. This display groups the information available for the study into different categories and places them under different tabs.

Latest Studies

Study

[phs001020.v1.p1](#)
Genomic Psychiatry Cohort (GPC) Whole Genome Sequencing Pilot Study

[phs000126.v2.p1](#)
CIDR: Genome Wide Association Study in Familial Parkinson Disease (PD)

Study

[phs000086.v3.p1](#)
DCCT-EDIC Clinical Trial and Follow-up of Persons with Type 1 Diabetes

[phs000684.v1.p1](#)
Age related Macular Degeneration - MMAP Cohort: Association and Sequencing Studies

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macular degeneration AND 1[Has Analysis]

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The “Study” tab (C) provides a general description on the goal of the study. The variables measured are listed under the “Variables” tab (D). Study documents with detailed background information and rationale for conducting the study are under the “Documents” tab (E). A summary of the analysis result with link to genomic display is given under the

“Analysis” tab (F). The summary of available datasets provided under the “Datasets” tab (G), with the list of molecular data summed up in the “Molecular Data” tab (H).

Framingham Cohort

Study Accession: phs000007.v26.p10

version history

Study BioProject list

Jump to: [Authorized Access](#) | [Attribution](#) | [Authorized Requests](#)

Study Description

Startup of Framingham Heart Study. Cardiovascular disease (CVD) is the leading cause of death and a serious illness in the United States. In 1948, the Framingham Heart Study was established to study the development and progression of CVD in a representative sample of the general population.

Variable Name and Accession

Variable Name: STUDY
Variable Accession: phv00159482.v12.p10
Variable belongs to dataset: phs001413.v14.p10 : Framingham_Sam mapping: This subject to sample Framingham SHARe, CARE, SAB, Methylation. This table also included as substudy controls. Add study/substudy (phs accession) > [Variable version history](#)

Variable Description

DbGaP top-level study or substudy

Statistical Summary

View Summary by Consent Group

Distribution

n=58197, nulls=0

Number of Samples

50000
40000
30000
20000
10000
0

A B C D E

Important Links and Information

- Request access via [Authorized Access](#)
- [Instructions](#) for requestors
- [Data Use Certificate](#)

Document Name and Accession

Name: Description of Participant Fill
Accession: phd001105.2
> [Document version history](#)

Document

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Description of Participant

Framingham Phenotypic Identification

The complete list of Framingham participants. This file contains an array of information on genotype and phenotype files; these files are organized by participant ID. Shareid: participant id
Idtype: refers to the Framingham phenotypes will be found
0: original cohort (gen1)
1: first offspring recruits
2: spouses of first offspring
3: second offspring recruits
Sex: gender
geno: equals one if may appear
Pedno: the family number, present or not included in share_ped_010
Itwin: used to designate identical twins; same number, so that the first designated as 2; there are no

Analysis Name and Accession

Name: Maternal transmission
Accession: pha003
> [View association results](#)

Analysis Description

This analysis of maternal transmission of the APOE ε4 allele in the Framingham Heart Study. A detailed description of the analysis is available in the paper: Ober C., Ebner T., et al. Genetics 191: 215-222 (2002).
maternal transmission Array Set (Affymetrix)

Analysis Methods

All samples have a score of 200 transmissions (C) Mendelian errors (90 scores were removed test (TDT; Spielman (Purcell et al., 2007).

Analysis Plots

-log10(pvalue)

15
10
5
0

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 X

Summary of Molecular Data

Sample and subject counts organized by Consent Group and Molecular Data Type

Study	Molecular Data Type	Consent Group			
		HMB-IRB-MDS		HMB-IRB-NPU-MDS	
		samples	subjects	samples	subjects
phs000282.v15.p10 SNP Genotypes (Array)		7335	6765	1141	1052
phs000307.v11.p10 SNP/CNV Genotypes (NGS)		1275	1275	360	360
phs000307.v11.p10 Whole Exome (NGS)		1275	1275	360	360
phs000342.v14.p10 Legacy Genotypes		6953	6953	1722	1722
phs000342.v14.p10 SNP Genotypes (Array)		16849	7796	4230	2533
phs000342.v14.p10 SNP Genotypes (PCR)		9345	6867	1303	1081

samples that were used as substudy controls. Additionally, there is a mapping of sample IDs to other sample ID aliases, the study/substudy (phs accession) that the sample belongs to, and sample use.

Dataset type: Simple

Dataset Summary

[Download Variable Report](#)
[Download Data Dictionary](#)

There are 6 variables associated with this dataset.

Variable accession	Variable name	Variable description
phv00098391.v12.p10	SUBJID	SHARe ID number
phv00098392.v12.p10	SAMPID	Sample ID number
phv00159482.v12.p10	STUDY	DbGaP top-level study or substudy accession
		Sample use
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Array_DNA_Methylation: Genome-wide DNA methylation profiling using methylation arrays, quantitative methylation measurements at the single-CpG-site level Array_SNP: SNP genotypes obtained using standard or custom microarrays Array_SNP_Exome: SNP genotypes obtained using exome microarray Array_miRNA_Expression: Expression data for microRNA samples (array data) Array_totRNA_Expression: Expression data for total RNA samples (array data) Imputation_SNP: Imputed SNP genotypes Legacy_Genotype: Legacy genotype data
phv00159954.v10.p10	SAMPLE_USE	